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LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

THE INDIAN INSTITUTE AT OXFORD.—We are glad to learn from Professor Monier Williams that a site, the best in Oxford (close to the Bodleian Library), has been secured for this Institute at a cost of £7,800, and that the building is now about to be commenced. It will contain several Lecture-rooms, a fire-proof Indian Library, a Reading-room, a small typical Indian Museum, and every appliance for promoting scholarlike, systematic, and corporate action in the prosecution of Indian studies. The first and main object of the Indian Institute will be to give effective and trustworthy teaching in all subjects that relate to Indian researches, to concentrate and disseminate correct ideas on Indian matters by united effort and combined action. Its Lecture-rooms, Library and Museum will, by their interdependence and intercommunication, aid and illustrate each other. Its Library will offer for daily use a collection of valuable Indian MSS., books, maps, and plans, many of them too rare and costly to be procurable by private means. Its Museum will present to the eye a typical collection of facts, illustrations, and examples, which, judiciously selected and arranged, will give, so to speak, a concise synopsis of India—of the country and its material products—of the people and their moral condition. The one final cause will be to assist in the prosecution of original research—to subserve the acquisition of knowledge—whether acquired in the adjoining lecture-rooms or by self-tuition. Three other special objects of the Institute may also claim attention. In the first place, it may be confidently predicted that, from its central position in the oldest and most central University of England, the Institute will become an attractive meeting-place for students of all countries who may be engaged in Oriental research. One of the principal objects will be to encourage personal intercourse and promote interchange of ideas. It will, therefore, as opportunity offers, invite distinguished Indian administrators, able Orientalists and Indologists of all nationalities, and eminent natives of India who may visit this country, to deliver addresses in its Lecture-rooms, where conferences and social gatherings will occasionally be held with a view to more sympathetic action and co-operation in arousing an interest in Oriental subjects. It is proposed that the Boden Professor of Sanskrit for the time being shall be, by virtue of his office, the non-stipendiary Director of the Institute, one part of his duty being to watch over the interests and superintend the career of all natives of India who may be members of the University. There will be a Council or Board of Management consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, other Members of Convocation, and eminent persons connected with India to be appointed by the University. It is hoped that four Indian Fellowships may be founded, to be conferred on deserving persons elected by the Council, on condition of their labouring by original research to throw light on some department of Indian knowledge or to facilitate the acquisition of one or other of the Indian languages. It is also hoped that Scholarships and Prizes may be established for encouraging proficiency in Arabic and some of the spoken languages of India—four Scholarships already existing for the encouragement of Sanskrit. With regard to Tutors and Lecturers, it is only necessary to state that connected with the Institute there will be an ample staff of Professors, Readers, and Teachers.

AN INDIAN PEERAGE AND LANDED GENTRY.—It seems strange that no one has hitherto thought of compiling a complete Indian Peerage or Landed Gentry, and we suppose that thought struck the Baboo Loke Nath Ghose, as he has announced one in two parts at about two guineas. The first part will give geographical, statistical, historical, and political accounts of every native state in India, with appendices containing brief accounts of the political pensioners. The second part will give the native aristocracy and gentry, with authentic histories of ancient and noble families of all parts of India; with short notices of upwards of 800 chiefs, etc., on whom distinctions have been conferred by the British Government. Either part will be obtainable separately. Application to be made to the Compiler, Calcutta, or to Trübner & Co., Ludgate Hill, London.

BUDDHIST SANSKRIT MSS. FROM NEPAUL.—Mr. Cecil Bendall, Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, will publish this autumn a catalogue of the Buddhist Sanskrit MSS. bought in Nepal, by Dr. D. Wright, for the Cambridge University Library. The text of the work will contain, besides descriptions of each MS., full references to the bibliography of the subject, and, where necessary, short summaries of the contents of MSS. As this collection con-

tains by far the oldest Sanskrit MSS. hitherto known, the text will be preceded by an introduction on the various points of palæography involved; as well as by notes and chronological tables on the histories of Nepal and Bengal as illustrated by the colophons of the MSS. The work has been undertaken at the request of the Library Syndicate, and is being published by the University Press.

THE PANDIT.—We are glad to hear that the *Pandit* is to be revived. The new series will contain Mādhava's "Dhātuvritti," a translation of the "Vedāntaparibhāṣā" and other texts. As its continuation will depend upon the number of subscribers who come forward to support it, we take great pleasure in calling attention to it, and wish it success. Intending subscribers should forward their names to Trübner & Co., Ludgate Hill, or to Benares direct.

SOUTHERN INDIAN CHRONOLOGICAL TABLES.—Mr. Robert Sewell, of the Madras Civil Service, has prepared Chronological Tables for Southern India from the sixth century A.D., for the use of archæologists working on the Inscriptions of Southern India, to enable them to easily fix the date of any document or record on stone. In a preface and a supplementary note the author gives instructions for the use of the tables. The work is printed by the Madras Government Press.

THE SIX SCRIPTS, a Translation by L. C. Hopkins, of H. M. Consular Service. Amoy, 1881.—This work consists simply of an English version of the Preface to the well-known dictionary by Tai Tung, namely, the *Liu Shu Ku* 六書故, in which its author states his philological views with reference to the origin of the Chinese characters. This preface has already been made a subject of study in the same direction by various sinologues of note, but with the exception of isolated quotations, it has never before been made available to the general reader. Mr. Hopkins appears to have done his work faithfully and well; and as a contribution to philology, even if the views expressed are more Chinese than scientific, this little book will not be found either unprofitable or uninteresting. The student of the language from which it has been rendered will have an admirable key to guide him through the difficulties of the original text, and this assistance has been increased by a number of useful footnotes as well as by a prefatory note or introduction by the translator.

A NEW CHINESE NEWSPAPER.—It is reported that a Chinese paper is about to be started at Tientsin, to be edited by a German gentleman who is a proficient Sinologue. The new paper will be the organ of the Viceroy Li's policy and party.

MARCO POLO.—A work of the celebrated discoverer, Marco Polo, is preserved in the Royal Library, Stockholm. It is proposed to reproduce this relic of the fourteenth century in facsimile in photolithography, with vignettes, under the auspices of Mr. A. E. Nordenskjöld. An edition of 200 copies will be printed in 4to. on Dutch paper. Price 72fr. 50c. Intending purchasers should at once apply to Samson & Wallin, Stockholm, or Trübner & Co., Ludgate Hill, London.

A NEW CURIOSITY OF LITERATURE.—Amongst the curiosities of literature which have engaged the attention of bibliographers, we do not remember that of fictitious bibliography, we think it must be of rare occurrence, and in the interest of the bibliophile and the historian, we trust that it is so, as it cannot be sufficiently reprobated. The following title appeared in the columns of a contemporary on August 15th, 1881, "Siddons (J. H.)—The Encyclopedia Shakesperiana. 16mo. Washington. London. 12s. (3631)." This same title will be found transferred to the Annual English Catalogue of Books for 1881, and this is what the author writes on being applied to for a copy of it in May, 1882: "I regret to say that the book is not yet published. I have twice tried to get a publisher in this country and failed, on the plea that there are too many glossaries, and that Shakespeare is not sufficiently appreciated in this country." We have always found the lists of "books published" in the "Publishers' Weekly" (New York) reliable, and we take this opportunity of acknowledging our indebtedness to Mr. F. Leyboldt's labours. We think if our contemporary was content to use them, instead of relying on advertisements, it would be more satisfactory to those who consult his pages.

AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY.—Proceedings at Boston, May 24th, 1882.—The Society met, as usual, in the rooms of the American Academy. Communications: 1. On Early Trade Routes between Eastern and Western Asia, by Prof.

Howard Osgood, of Rochester, N.Y. 2. On the Kushites, by Prof. C. H. Toy, of Cambridge, Mass. 3. The Cosmogonic Hymn, Rig-Veda X. 129, by Prof. W. D. Whitney, of New Haven. 4. A Royal Leper, by Rev. Wm. Butler, Missionary in India. 5. On the doctrine of God and the Soul among the most ancient Nile-dwellers, by Prof. T. O. Paine, of Elmwood, Mass. 6. On M. de Harlez's Avesta, by Prof. J. Luquiens, of Auburndale, Mass. 7. On the Rude Tribes of North-eastern India, by Prof. J. Avery, of Brunswick, Me. 8. Specimen of a List of Verbs, intended as a Supplement to his Sanskrit Grammar, by Prof. Whitney. 9. Further Studies among the Metres of the Rig-Veda, by Mr. W. Haskell, of New Haven; presented by the Corresponding Secretary. 10. The Middle Pathway between the Orient and Occident—will it now be opened anew and made safe? by Prof. J. W. Jenks, of Newtonville, Mass. The Society, after passing the usual vote of thanks to the American Academy for the use of its room, then adjourned, to meet again in New York in October next.

AN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE AND EXEGESIS.—We have before us the first number of the Journal of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, including the Papers read, and Abstract of Proceedings for June and December, 1881, printed at Middletown, Conn. This Journal contains papers on Biblical subjects by Professors Abbot, Gould, Dwight, Rich, Toy, Goodwin, Mead and Gardiner, and one by the Rev. T. W. Chambers. The Society met in the Library of the Yale Divinity School, and their next place of meeting will be New Haven.

ANONYMOUS AMERICANA.—Señor Diego Barros Arana, of Santiago de Chile, has published "Notas para una Bibliografía de Obras Anónimas i Seudónimas sobre la Historia, la Jeografía, la Literatura de America." It is a 4to. volume of 171 pages, and though it must necessarily be incomplete, it does great credit to the compiler, who has attempted it so far from materials for reference. Messrs. Trübner & Co. have copies of the work on sale.

PREBLE'S AMERICAN FLAG.—Rear-Admiral Geo. Henry Preble has lately issued a third edition of his "History of the Flag of the United States," in 815 pages 8vo., containing 10 coloured plates, 6 maps, 18 autographs, and 206 wood engravings, of which Messrs. Jas. R. Osgood & Co., of Boston, Mass., are the publishers. It has been claimed that the origin of the "Stars and Stripes" was the family arms of George Washington, and that it was first borne as a flag by the "Continental" Artillery. We believe this view of the matter has been contested, but we are content to accept it as correct in the absence of precise evidence to the contrary, which will account at the same time for the coincidence that the arms of the "Father of his country" and the national flag should be the same.

INDUSTRIAL AND DECORATIVE ART IN CONNECTION WITH EDUCATION.—Mr. Charles G. Leland has been doing a very important work in Philadelphia in the cause of Art Education. About a year ago he established an Industrial Art School at Philadelphia, for giving children from 10 to 15 years of age instruction in art manufacture whilst they are pursuing their ordinary studies in the common schools. The experiment has been eminently successful, an exhibition having been held in June last, in the rooms of the Board of Education, of objects in decorative art, the handiwork of the pupils. These objects were not selected as first-class specimens, as most of these works are sold as soon as made. Mr. Leland has proved that very small children can make valuable vases, carve panels, inlay, and work in leather, and as recreation is said to be change of occupation, they enjoy it rather than feel it a task; besides which, even very young children are proved to be able to earn something. Messrs. Steel and Gulager and others of the Board of Education have taken a deep interest in this experiment, and as it has so far succeeded, it will, we understand, be carried on next year on an extended scale.

GENEALOGY OF THE CHILD FAMILY.—Mr. Elias Child, of Utica, New York, has compiled a "Genealogy of the Child, Childs, and Childe Family, of the Past and Present, in the United States and the Canadas, from 1630 to 1881." Although the bulk of the book, which is a portly volume of over 800 pages, with 13 illustrations, is devoted to the American representatives of the family, the author has inserted chapters on the origin of the name, and notices of the English stock from whom the American families trace their descent. We believe this is the first time that a genealogy of the Child family has been attempted, and again we have to thank our American cousins, who have so often proved themselves efficient genealogists. There is no doubt that the family which produced Sir Josiah Child, who, when President of the Court of Governors of the Hon. East

India Company, founded the cities of Calcutta and Bombay, and formed the nucleus of our present Indian Empire, merits a genealogical history. He was a man born with a natural talent for governing; Lord Macaulay, in his "History of England," says of him, "He opposed majorities in Parliament, kings, queens, and the powers of the East." The origin of the surname of Child is said to have been Hildr, of Norse Mythology and Sagas; in the latter it is frequently found embodied in names, as Kreimhild, Brynhild, of the Nibelungen Lied, and mention of Childe is first used as a title for a king when Ildica married Gishelder, the king of Burgundy.

"This done, with gentle gesture the damsel meek and mild
By the hand yet trembling, took Gishelder, the Childe."

The Goths carried the title to Spain as Hildefans, which southern influence turned into Alfonso. From being a kingly title, Childe became the cognomen of the heirs of kings and the eldest of noble families, and finally a surname, and a noun denoting offspring of either sex. Mr. Elias Child gives the name of the first emigrant of the Child family in America, as Ephraim Child; he was born in England in 1593, and landed in America in 1630; he was the personal friend of Governor John Winthrop, of Massachusetts, but does not appear to have left any descendants, though his nephew, Benjamin, who accompanied him, left a numerous progeny. Besides the Child family, the genealogy contains many notices of families allied to the Childs, and amongst them one of the Morse family, Professor Samuel Finley Breese Morse, the inventor of the Electric Telegraph, having the blood of the Childs in his veins, his grandmother, the mother of Dr. Morse, known as the "Father of American Geography," having been a Miss Sarah Child. We must congratulate Mr. Elias Child on his success in having produced a volume which is far from being the dry reading that genealogy is generally supposed to be; on the contrary, it is full of readable matter, interesting to the outsider, as well as to members of the family its chronicles, and we recommend it to the notice of Librarians of all Reference Libraries.

THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA.—With the Third Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Archæological Institute of America is issued the First Annual Report on the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and also Volume I. of the Classical Series of Papers, being Report on Investigations at Assos, 1881, by Joseph Thacher Clarke, with an Appendix containing inscriptions from Assos and Lesbos, and papers by W. C. Lawton and J. S. Diller. The ancient district of Troas or Troad in Asia, situated on what is called at present the Gulf of Adramyti, is interesting, as it is that portion of the continent of Asia which was brought into immediate contact with the civilization of Ancient Greece; the ruins of its ancient city, Assos, are said by Prokesch von Osten to be the best preserved of any between the Propontis and the Ionian Coast. The great natural strength of the site Assos enabled it to defy pirates, whilst its maritime position was such that it secured to itself a considerable moiety of the commerce of ancient times; at present it forms an appendage to the miserable village of Behram and some of the stones of its magnificent ruins have been shipped to Constantinople to build docks there.

THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—The Bulletin of this Society, No. 1, for 1882, contains: "The Acropolis of Athens," by Gen. Geo. W. Cullum, U.S.A., Vice-President of the Society, with a plan; and an article on Siberia, "The Exiles abode," by Geo. Kennan, author of "Tent Life in Siberia." The enormous extent of Siberia is scarcely ever realized, and even its measurement, about five thousand six hundred miles by two thousand five hundred, would not give many persons an exact idea of its extent; but if we think that this space would take the whole of the United States and all Europe except Russia, and there would then be a million square miles to spare, we form some notion of its size.

THE SURVEY OF WEST OF THE 100TH MERIDIAN.—Volume seven, completing the Reports of the Geographical Surveys of the West of the 100th Meridian, by Lieut. Geo. M. Wheeler, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, is on Archæology, and is one of the most interesting volumes of the series. The second part contains a series of articles on the Indians of the Pueblos, who are supposed to be the remnants of the subjects of Montezuma. Mr. G. Thompson, the topographer of the expedition, describes these people as "noble-looking and beautifully formed, their countenances noble and dignified, and amongst them are men whose manners are as courtly, polished, and hospitable as those of grandees of Spain of the olden time." The volume contains a valuable contribution to comparative linguistics in the shape of an appendix containing forty vocabularies of Western Indian languages, prefaced by a classification of the same, by Albert S. Gatschet.

POOLE'S INDEX TO THE PERIODICAL LITERATURE.—So much that is important, and not ephemeral, now appears in our periodicals, that indexes have become a prime necessity to students of specialities. Mr. W. F. Poole, the present Librarian of the Chicago Public Library, and former Librarian of the Boston Mercantile, and Athenæum Libraries, whilst a student of Yale College, over thirty years ago, recognized the great need of such an index. From the meagre materials then within his reach, he compiled one which appeared in 1848, and enlarged in 1853. Thirty years is a long time in our particular epoch; and Mr. Poole with the assistance of some fifty literary friends, and Mr. W. J. Fletcher, Assistant-Librarian of the Watkinson Library, Hartford, has again been at work upon another edition. To give some idea of the magnitude of the work, we may state that 200,000 slips containing titles were sorted into alphabetical order by Mr. Fletcher, and when printed the work will make a volume of about 1200 closely-printed pages. Over 200 periodicals will be indexed in it, and the following subjects have references as under:—Women nearly 2000, under the subdivisions of Education, Employment, Health, and Suffrage; under Bible about 1500; Jesus Christ, about 700; and Christianity, 450. Africa has 200 references; Egypt, 250; England, 600; Great Britain, 1300; France, 1200. Heredity has 40; Nature, 100; and Iron nearly 400 references. This monument of literary labour in the way of indexing will take at least twelve months to pass through the press, and Messrs. J. R. Osgood & Co., of Boston, who have undertaken the publication, do not expect to have it ready before the end of this year or the spring of next. Intending purchasers are requested to register their names at once with Messrs. Trübner & Co., Ludgate Hill, to secure an early delivery.

HARPER'S MONTHLY.—We venture to say that the past six months of Harper's Monthly will vie with the same issues of any of its contemporaries in the interest of its letter-press and the execution of its illustrations. We would call particular attention to the articles on "Journalistic London," "A Clever Town Built by Quakers," "Old New York Coffee Houses," "Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden," "Spanish Vistas," "Quaint Old Yarmouth" (England), "Longfellow," with an excellent portrait; "Lying in State in Cairo," an article on Egypt and its mummies. The foregoing articles are all illustrated; but amongst those not illustrated which make up the smallest proportion of the Magazine may be mentioned the "Overthrow of the French Power in America," "Ralph Waldo Emerson," and "What we Owe to Trees."

THE SPECTATOR.—St. Louis, Mo., has for nearly two years possessed a weekly society paper devoted to news, literature, science, art, and the drama, published by Messrs. G. J. Jones and J. R. Reavis. In the issue of May 6th, we observe some strictures on the present style of ladies' dress, and also a letter from Col. Douan, of Fargo, Dakota, advocating that the ladies shall be allowed to do as they like, and that no absurdity of dress will make a pretty woman anything but a pretty woman! Quite right, Col. Douan, but allow us to say that every woman is born into this world for something better than to please herself, and if she means to marry, she owes something to posterity, which hobbling on high heels, tightly laced, will not enable her to pay. High heels have been found by physicians to be a fruitful source of diseases which no one would imagine they would cause, and this, probably, comes from their effect upon the spine and nerves.

PICTURESQUE B. & O.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. have issued an illustrated guide to the notable scenes on their line. No expense has been spared to render this guide a perfect specimen of the modern illustrated guide book which is also suitable for a drawing-room table book. It contains one hundred and fifty-two pages of letterpress by Mr. J. G. Pangborn, interspersed with about one hundred illustrations

by Moran, Davidson, W. Hamilton Gibson, Sol Eytinge, Sheppard, Terris, and Warren. The engravers were Bogert, Harley, Davis, Clement, Morse, Held, Filmer, Sanderbach, Mayer, Karst, and others, celebrated for wood engraving, and the printing, which was done by Messrs. Knight & Leonard, of Chicago, clearly shows that the east will have to share their laurels for typography with the west in future. The cover of the work was done by the American Bank Note Company, New York, and is a model of æsthetic effect. The "Guide" is entirely original in its matter and illustrations, and must have cost the line a considerable sum of money to produce, but they will doubtless find their expenditure come back to them from the holiday tourists who will be sure to be induced to visit some or all of the scenes depicted in it.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA.—This College, which is the oldest Colonial University, and the only one outside Great Britain with a Church of England theological faculty, has conferred the Degree of D.C.L., on Mr. Edward David Hearne, M.A., of London, whose graduating thesis treated on the non-professional study of Roman Civil Law, and on the necessity of every voter possessing some knowledge of it.

AUSTRALIAN STALK- AND SESSILE-EYED CRUSTACEA.—The Australian Museum, Sydney, has printed and issued a catalogue of the Australian Stalk- and Sessile-Eyed Crustacea, by William A. Haswell, M.A., B.Sc. Mr. Ed. P. Ramsay writes a preface to the Catalogue, in which he states that the classification followed has been mainly that of Dana, and that this work will be followed by others of a similar description to assist students of systematic zoology throughout the Australian Colonies.

VICTORIA STATISTICS.—The Report of the Chief Inspector of Mines to the Hon. Minister of Mines for the year 1881, proves that the number of accidents do not show that increasing immunity which had attended the operation of the Act up to the end of 1880, though there does not seem to be any reason for it except carelessness on the part of the miners in not properly observing the provisions of the Act. The reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars for the quarter ending March 31st, 1882, give the total quantity of gold for the quarter from alluvium and quartz reefs as 189,826 oz. 8 dwts. The Central Ballarat division paid in dividends £22,740 15s.; the Creswick division paid in dividends and royalties £48,245 7s. 9d.; the Maryborough division in dividends £1,200; and the Majorca subdivision in dividends £111 16s. The Report contains an Appendix by Baron Fred. von Mueller, on New Vegetable Fossils of Victoria, with a plate. "The Mineral Statistics of Victoria," for the year 1881, shows an improvement in the mining industry, notwithstanding the continuous drought and scarcity of water for sluicing purposes. The number of companies registered during 1881 was 448, and the nominal capital amounted to £6,647,838. The quantity of gold exported and minted in the Colony from the first discovery to the 31st of December, 1881, was 50,418,529 oz. 2 dwt. 14 grs., valued at £4 per oz., amounting to £201,674,118. It would be curious to have the total cost of mining operations for the same period; if that could be obtained, we expect it would demonstrate why gold does not go below an arbitrary value placed probably at about half the cost of obtaining it.

BOOKS RECEIVED.—Transactions of New Zealand Institute, Vol. 14.—Johns Hopkins University Circulars, May.—Nebraska University, Ninth Annual Register.—Peabody Institute of Baltimore, Fifteenth Annual Report.—Scudder's Bibliography of Fossil Insects.—Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Report, 1881.—Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, Twenty-ninth Annual Report.—Leffel's Mechanical News, May.—American Journal of Science, July.—Library Company's Bulletin, July.—American Antiquarian, July.

In Memoriam.

DE SOLA.—The Rev. Dr. Abraham de Sola, of Montreal, died at New York, on the 5th of June last. He was born in 1825, and was the son of the late Rev. David A. de Sola, the learned Minister of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of London. Educated by his father, he was in 1847, when just entering his 22nd year, chosen minister of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of Montreal. He was well known and respected in the United States, and on January 6th, 1872, he opened the House of Representatives with prayer. In 1848 he was appointed Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Literature in McGill College, Montreal. He died in his 57th year, and his body was removed to Montreal for burial.

MARSH.—The Honourable George Perkins Marsh, the United States Minister to the Italian Court, died at Vallombrosa on Monday, July 24th. He was born at Woodstock,

Vermont, on March 17th, 1801, was as distinguished as a philologist as a diplomat, and has written several works on the English and Norse languages.

PAULI.—Dr. Georg Reinholdt Pauli the celebrated German historian, whose death we regret to announce, was born at Berlin in 1823, and educated in the University there. He was the author of several works on English history, "Simon de Montford," "Essays on English History," "History of England since the Treaties of 1814 and 1815," "Life of Alfred the Great," "Pictures of Old England," etc.

WIDDLETON.—Mr. W. J. Widdleton, of New York, died on May 2nd. He was for many years the publisher of the works of Edgar Allan Poe, and a very popular member of the trade. He leaves a wife and three daughters to lament his loss.

NEW AMERICAN BOOKS AND RECENT IMPORTATIONS.

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